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SUBJ: PROSPECTS FOR CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT

1. FONOFF ASIAN BUREAU DIRECTOR NAKAE TOLD AMBASSADOR SNEIDER JAN 28 THAT CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT NO LONGER PAIRED WITH NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AS MATTER FOR DIET CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE. "UNHITCHING" OF SHELF AGREEMENT WAS ONLY MAJOR CHANGE IN DIET SITUATION THIS YEAR COMPARED TO LAST, HE SAID.

2. NORTHEAST ASIA DIVDIR ENDO TOLD EMBOFF SAME DAY THAT HE NOW SPENDS HALF HIS TIME CALLING ON DIET MEMBERS TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR SHELF AGREEMENT. HIS CURRENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT AGREEMENT HAS 60-40 CHANCE OF PASSAGE.

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SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS REMAIN ADAMANTLY OPPOSED WITH

KOMEITO GENERALLY NEGATIVE. DSP IS, HOWEVER,
CAUTIOUSLY SUPPORTIVE. QUESTIONS THAT REMAIN ARE
WHETHER OPPOSITION WITHIN LDP CAN BE BROUGHT AROUND,
AND WHETHER PRIME MINISTER WILLING TO CONFRONT
OPPOSITION WITH MAJORITY FORCE.

3. COMMENT: WE WOULD ADD THAT TIME FACTOR MAY COMPLICATE
PASSAGE, TOO. DIET AGENDA APPEARS TO BE
ALREADY CROWDED WITH HIGHER PRIORITY ITEMS.
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